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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my twenty-second Annual Report on the health of the Urban District of Ormskirk.

The health of the district remained satisfactory during the year. 326 cases of infectious disease were notified, of which 305 were cases of Measles, mostly in the early months of the year. There were no cases of Poliomyelitis or Diphtheria.

The Birth Rate decreased slightly at 19.7 per 1,000 population compared with 22.5 in 1966.

The Death Rate was 11.3 per 1,000 population and was lower than the 1966 rate of 12.6. There was also a decrease in the Infantile Death Rate at 9 per 1,000 live births compared with a rate of 19.2 in 1966. This rate was produced by 4 infant deaths, compared with 10 in 1966. There were no Maternal Deaths.

Housing conditions continue to improve and a further 139 houses were erected during the year, of which 28 were built by the Local Authority. 18 houses were recommended for demolition or closure under the Housing Acts as unfit for human habitation and a further 143 houses were found to be unfit, but capable of being rendered fit. Further progress was achieved in the improvement of houses by means of improvement grants. A further area was declared an improvement area and included 246 houses, of which 114 lacked some or all of the standard amenities (hot water supply, bath or shower, wash hand basin, internal water closet, food store). In many cases the work of improvement has already started.

The staff of the Public Health Department have maintained their high standard of work during the year. They made 5,002 visits of inspection during the year, of which 2,791 were concerned with dwelling houses.

Finally I would thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their interest and support during the year, and the members of the staff for their ready help and co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD,

Medical Officer of Health

JULY, 1968

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SECTION 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area. 15,608 acres.

Population.—The population according to the 1961 Census was 21,828, but the Registrar General estimates that at the middle of 1967 the population was 25,440, on which figure statistics in this Report are based.

Number of Inhabited Houses. At the end of 1967 the number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books was 8,429.

The Rateable Value at the end of the year was £950,074. and the sum represented by a penny rate was £3,622.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Urban District of Ormskirk occupies 15,608 acres of the West Lancashire plain. The ancient town of Ormskirk is situated on the highest ground in the area, and the village of Newburgh is pleasantly sited on a small hill. Burscough is a small town three miles north of Ormskirk.

Three-quarters of the district is rural in character. The chief interest of the population is agriculture or allied employment; indeed, Ormskirk is locally known as the capital of this large agricultural area, and the ruling prices at the weekly market are quoted all over the country.

Apart from agriculture, the chief industries include a brass foundry, an ironfoundry, 3 timberyards, a printing and bookbinding works, a flour mill, three brickworks, sheet metal works and factories for the manufacture of cakes and biscuits, wooden handles, women's clothing, fertiliser, automobile oils, cloth trade accessories and corrugated board and containers.

VITAL STATISTICS

	1967	1966
Home population—(Estimated by Registrar-General—mid year)	25440	25190
Live Births—		
Legitimate	M. 248	F. 188
Illegitimate	15	10
} Total	461	521
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.	5.42	4.99
Birth Rate per 1000 population		
Crude	18.1	20.7
Adjusted	19.7	22.5
Stillbirths		
M. 3	} Total	10
F. 3		
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	13.0	18.8
Total Live and Still births	467	531
Deaths.		
Males 132	} Total	294
Females 137		
Death Rate per 1000 population		
Crude	10.6	11.7
Adjusted	11.3	12.6
Maternal Mortality		
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	Nil	1
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	—	1.88
Infant Mortality (Infants under 1 year).		
Deaths—Legitimate	4	10
,, —Illegitimate	—	—
Total	4	10
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Total	9	19.2
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Legitimate	9	19.2
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Illegitimate	—	—
Neo-Natal Mortality		
Infants under four weeks of age—death rate per 1000 live births	4	15.4

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality		
	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop n.*	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	Rate per 1,000 live births
1967	461	19.7	269	11.3	6	13.0	nil	nil	4	9	4
1966	521	22.5	294	12.6	10	18.8	1	1.88	10	19.2	15.4
1965	502	22.0	299	12.8	13	25.2	nil	nil	6	11.9	11.9
1964	480	19.9	252	10.3	3	6.2	nil	nil	5	10.4	8.3
1963	461	19.6	280	11.8	4	8.6	1	2.15	7	15.2	13.0
1962	382	16.7	267	12.2	6	15.5	nil	nil	9	23.6	15.7
Avg. 5 years— 1962-1966		20.14	—	11.9	—	14.8	—	0.80	—	16.0	12.86

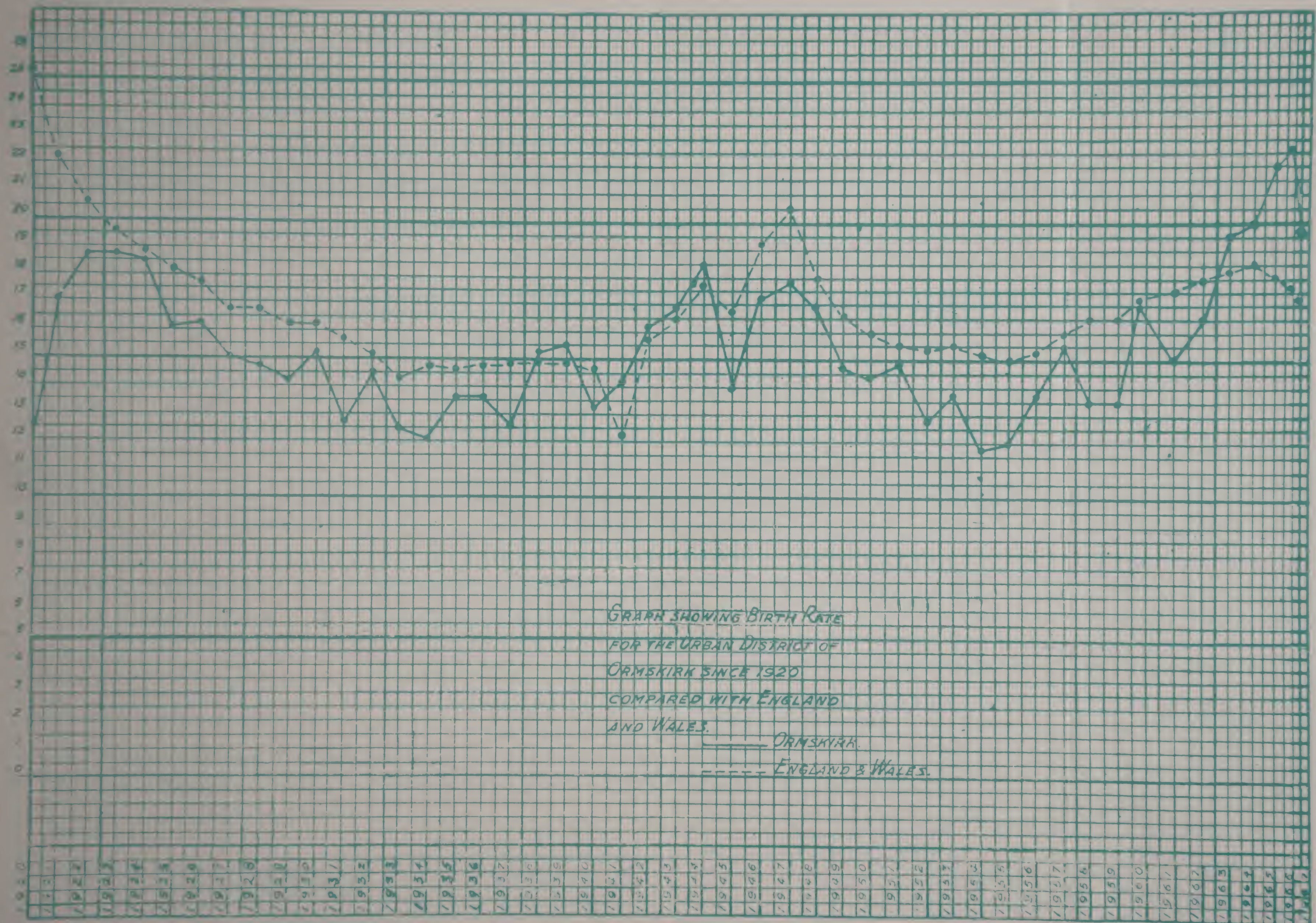
* Adjusted (live birth-rate) (comparability factor, 1.09) — 19.7 per 1,000.
(death-rate) (comparability factor, 1.07) — 11.3 per 1,000.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 17.2, for Ormskirk 19.7.

The Death rate for England and Wales was 11.2, for Ormskirk 11.3.

The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 18.3, for Ormskirk 9.

The Maternal mortality rate for England and Wales was 0.20, for Ormskirk Nil



GRAPH SHOWING DEATH RATE
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
ORISKANY SINCE 1920.

COMPARED WITH ENGLAND
AND WALES.

— ORISKANY
--- ENGLAND & WALES

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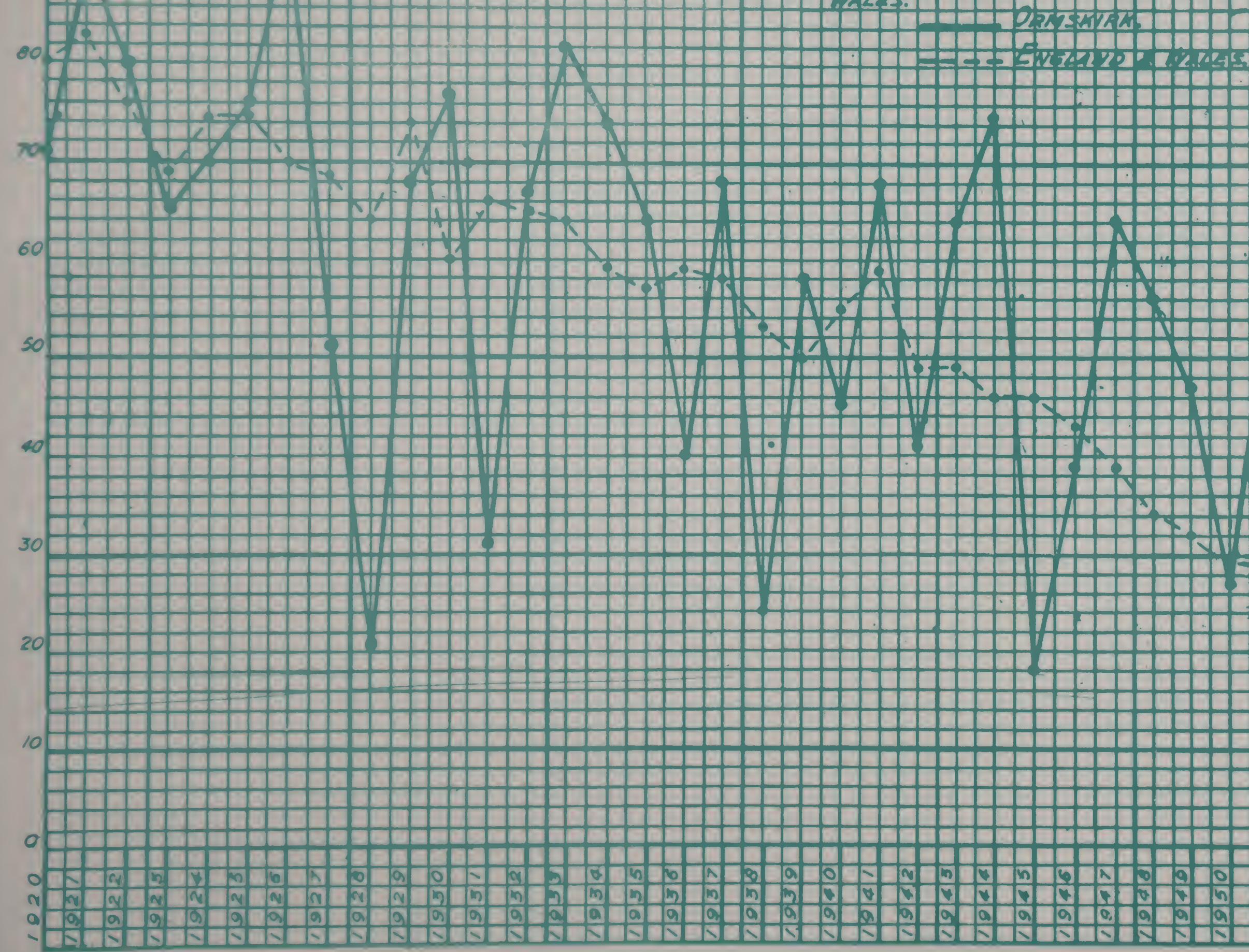
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GRAPH SHOWING INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATE FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
ORMSKIRK SINCE 1920
COMPARED WITH ENGLAND AND
WALES.



CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

	1967		Total	1966 Total	1965 Total
	M.	F.			
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	—	1	1	—	1
Tuberculosis (Other)	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	1	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections.....	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm—stomach	4	2	6	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm—lung, Bronchus	6	3	9	5	3
Malignant Neoplasm—breast	—	2	2	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm—uterus	—	1	1	1	1
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	13	17	30	30	25
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	1	2
Diabetes	1	2	3	2	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	25	28	53	40	49
Coronary disease, angina	31	20	51	51	61
Hypertension with heart disease....	2	3	5	2	6
Other heart disease	7	18	25	44	27
Other circulatory disease	3	5	8	4	17
Influenza	—	—	—	2	—
Pneumonia	8	10	18	22	16
Bronchitis	9	5	14	12	6
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	4	2	6	6	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	—	—	2	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea....	1	1	2	4	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1	1	3
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—	1	—
Congenital malformations	2	1	3	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	9	17	32	37
Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	5	6	4
All other accidents	3	4	7	7	15
Suicide	—	—	—	4	1
Homicide and operations of war .	—	—	—	1	—
All causes	132	137	269	294	299

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr.	AGE IN YEARS							65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—		
Tuberculosis Respiratory	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
.....	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—
.....	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2
.....	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasms, Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
.....	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	5
.....	F	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	3	8
Diabetes	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
.....	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	12
.....	F	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	11	16
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9	7	10
.....	F	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	7	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
.....	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Other Heart Disease	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5
.....	F	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	12
Other Circulatory Disease	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
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Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life During 1967 in The Urban District of Ormskirk—Continued

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr	Age in Years						65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—		
Pneumonia	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7
Bronchitis	M	9	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations	M	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—
	F	9	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
All Other Accidents	M	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	132	2	2	1	2	—	—	4	13	25	47
	F	137	—	—	1	1	1	2	2	5	19	68

TABLE SHOWING BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

Year	Estimated Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate		Infantile Mort. Rate	
		England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk
1932	17,240	15.3	14.5	12.0	11.1	65	67
1933	17,410	14.4	12.5	12.3	13.4	64	82
1934	17,670	14.8	12.1	11.8	11.3	59	74
1935	17,860	14.7	13.8	11.7	12.7	57	64
1936	18,090	14.8	13.6	12.1	11.2	59	40
1937	18,300	14.9	12.6	12.4	11.5	58	68
1938	18,400	15.1	15.2	11.6	10.7	53	24
1939	18,930	15.0	15.5	12.1	12.8	50	58
1940	19,660	14.6	13.3	14.3	13.1	55	45
1941	20,490	12.2	14.3	12.9	12.0	59	68
1942	20,200	15.8	16.6	11.6	10.8	49	41
1943	19,250	16.5	16.9	12.1	12.2	49	64
1944	18,500	17.6	18.5	11.6	11.7	46	75
1945	19,320	16.1	14.0	11.4	10.8	46	18
1946	20,360	19.1	17.4	11.5	10.6	43	39
1947	20,990	20.5	17.8	12.0	13.4	41	64
1948	20,030	17.9	17.2	10.8	11.6	34	55
1949	20,100	16.7	14.8	11.7	11.5	32	47
1950	20,110	15.8	14.5	11.6	13.1	29.8	27
1951	20,920	15.5	15.0	12.5	15.2	29.6	57
1952	21,180	15.3	12.7	11.3	11.5	27.6	41
1953	21,230	15.5	13.8	11.4	10.9	26.8	34
1954	21,340	15.2	11.8	11.3	12.1	25.5	29
1955	21,280	15.0	11.9	11.7	11.8	24.9	12
1956	21,350	15.7	13.8	11.7	12.2	23.8	25
1957	21,420	16.1	15.5	11.5	11.9	23.0	12
1958	21,450	16.4	13.3	11.7	12.5	22.5	17.5
1959	21,450	16.5	13.5	11.6	12.7	22	27.5
1960	21,850	17.1	17.0	11.5	13.0	21.7	30.6
1961	22,180	17.4	15.0	12.0	14.9	21.4	43.2
1962	22,880	18.0	16.7	11.9	12.2	21.4	23.6
1963	23,740	18.2	19.6	12.2	11.8	20.9	15.2
1964	24,350	18.4	19.9	11.3	10.3	20.0	10.4
1965	24,850	18.1	22.0	11.5	12.8	19.0	12.0
1966	25,190	17.7	22.5	11.7	12.6	19.0	19.2
1967	25,440	17.2	19.7	11.2	11.3	18.3	9

SECTION 2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

The Ormskirk General Hospital—takes all types of cases and has a consultant and resident staff. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Brandreth Hospital—accommodates chronic and convalescent cases only. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Ormskirk Children's Convalescent Hospital—Green Lane, Ormskirk.

The New Hall Isolation Hospital, Scarisbrick—receives cases of Infectious Disease from the Urban District of Ormskirk.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council. An Ambulance Station is situated in Junction Lane, Burscough.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre, Hants Lane, Ormskirk.

<i>Child Welfare Centre</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Minor Ailments Clinic</i>	.....		Each Monday morning
<i>Orthopaedic Clinic</i>	.....	.....	First Monday in each month
<i>Orthopaedic Treatment Clinic</i>	.....		Tuesday—alternate weeks
<i>Eye Clinic</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Dental Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Thursday and Friday
<i>Speech Therapy</i>	....	....	Each Tuesday and Wednesday
<i>Immunisation Clinic</i>	....	....	Every Fourth Thursday afternoon
<i>Vaccination Clinic</i>	...	...	Each Monday afternoon in conjunction with Child Welfare Clinic

The Burscough Child Welfare Clinic (Old Council Offices)
Child Welfare Clinic Each Thursday afternoon
Immunisation and Vaccination
Clinic Third Thursday morning

Ormskirk and District General Hospital.
Chest Clinic Tuesday morning
 Friday morning

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home Nursing is carried out by the Lancashire County Council,
 The services of a District Nurse are obtained for a patient through
 the General Practitioner.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for bacteriological examination are dealt with at the
 Pathological Laboratory of the Ormskirk and District General
 Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory, Mount Pleasant,
 Liverpool.

SECTION 3

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of cases of infectious disease notified to the Health Department during the year was 326. This figure is higher than the number of notifications for 1966 when 201 cases were notified.

MEASLES

There were 305 notified cases of measles during 1967, compared with 161 cases in 1966.

TUBERCULOSIS

Respiratory. The number of cases notified in 1967 was 6. During the 10 year period ending in 1967 there were 44 notified cases, compared with 158 cases in the previous 10 years.

Non-Respiratory. No cases were notified during 1967. In the 10 year period ending 1967 there were 7 notified cases, and in the previous 10 years 21 cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA

For the nineteenth successive year no cases of Diphtheria have been notified.

During the previous nineteen years (1930-1948), 418 cases were notified, and 27 deaths from this disease were reported during the same period.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

A total of 489 children completed a course of immunisation during the year 1967, of whom 460 were under the age of two years. A further 622 children were given reinforcing injections during the year.

Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised during 1967:—

Under	.....				4-15	
1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	years	Total	
194	266	12	3	14	489	

Number of persons immunised against diphtheria since 1935:

1967	....	....	....	....	....	489
1966	....	....	....	....	....	515
1965	....	....	....	....	....	501
Five years 1960-1964	....	....	....	....	....	2330
Five years 1955-1959	....	....	....	....	....	1165
Five years 1950-1954	....	....	....	....	....	1527
Five years 1945-1949	....	....	....	....	....	1661
Five years 1940-1944	..	....	....	....	....	3859
Five years 1935-1939	....	....	....	....	....	109
Total						12156

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

This service is carried out under a joint scheme with the West Lancashire Rural District Council on a percentage of cost basis.

Disinfection of bedding and clothing is by steam disinfection. During 1967 the following work was carried out.

				<i>Disinfection</i>	<i>Disinfestation</i>
Journeys				-	4
Rooms sprayed				-	6
Houses				-	2

WEEKLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK DURING 1967

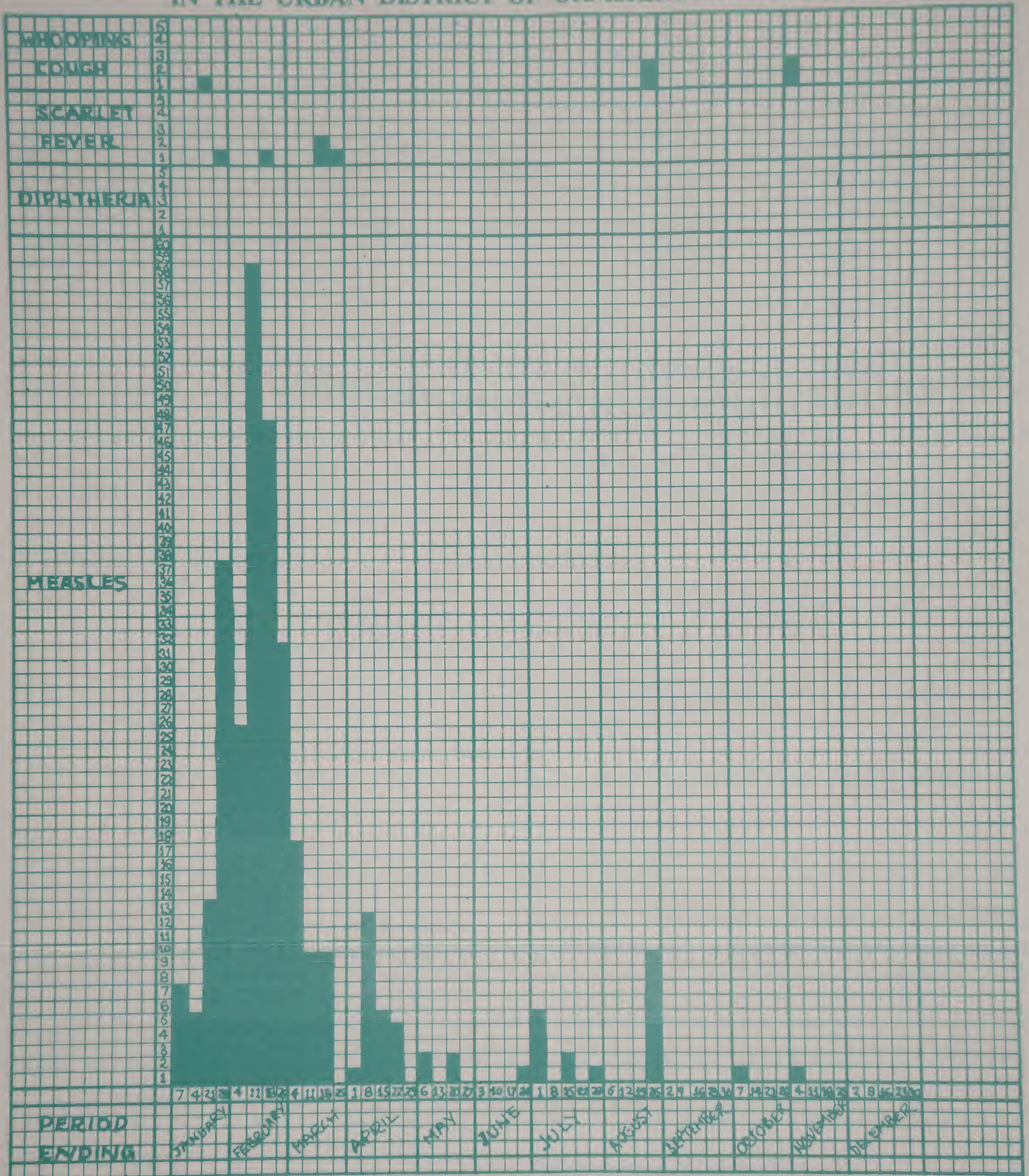


TABLE SHOWING NUMBER AND NATURE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES COMING
UNDER THE NOTICE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH DURING 1967.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Measles	71	168	21	21	4	6	3	9	—	2	—	—	305
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	5
Acute Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	4
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	6
MONTHLY TOTALS	73	171	25	22	4	6	5	12	—	4	4	—	326

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
THE YEAR 1967.

WARDS														
	Aughton 1	Aughton 2	Derby	S'brick	Knowsley	B'cough North	B'cough South 1	B'cough South 2	B'cough South 3	Lathom 1	Lathom 2	Westhead 1	Westhead 2	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	5
Measles	30	23	47	94	36	12	24	3	—	4	17	—	16	305
Whooping Cough	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
Acute Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Tuberculosis (Resp.)	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
	33	24	47	99	39	15	26	4	—	5	18	—	17	326

TABLE SHOWING INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS DURING
PAST 20 YEARS.

Disease	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Scarlet Fever	5	7	6	4	—	1	4	4	14	5	8	3	9	8	56	15	14	20	14	27
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Measles	305	161	197	211	240	122	57	183	205	194	75	149	259	18	458	116	210	175	75	395
Whooping Cough	5	15	1	2	5	2	2	5	2	26	2	36	17	49	159	56	118	65	53	35
Para Typhoid Fever	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	5	1	—	7	2	8	6	9	6	28	17	49	14	15	18	15	13	18	22
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	3	2	1	—	1
Dysentery	4	2	1	—	6	159	3	11	2	8	—	—	2	131	1	23	5	4	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	6	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	2	4	1	—	—	—	15	15	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	11	22	10	17	—	—	1	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	6	4	3	6	3	7	4	2	5	4	8	11	11	20	23	21	25	15	12	12
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	—	1	1	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	5	2	2	2	6
	326	201	213	224	266	298	84	214	238	244	147	230	361	298	729	275	406	311	175	503

SECTION 4

SCHOOLS.

The Urban District is provided with Eighteen schools. These include one Grammar School, two County Secondary Schools, one R.C. Secondary School, eleven Primary Schools, one Nursery School, and two Private Schools.

With the exception of the latter, all the schools are in Division 11 of the Lancashire County Council Divisional Administration Scheme, 1944.

LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

School	Total No. of Children on Roll at 1st Jan., 1967
Burscough St. John's C.E. (Mxd. & Infts'. Depts.)	109
Burscough Methodist	225
Burscough R.C.	145
Lathom Park C.E.	51
Newburgh C.E.	119
Lathom St. James' C.E.	80
Burscough Lordsgate Township C.E.	208
Burscough County Secondary School	362
Ormskirk C.E. (Junior mixed)	595
(Infants)	350
Ormskirk St. Anne's R.C. (Mxd. & Infts'. Depts)	566
Ormskirk West End County Primary School	292
Ormskirk St. Bedes R.C. Secondary School	630
Ormskirk County Secondary School, ...	761
Ormskirk Grammar School	741
Ormskirk Moorgate Nursery School	88
Ormskirk High School	140
Arranmore Preparatory School	54
Total :	5316

During the year 1967 the following improvements and repairs have been carried out at schools in the district:—

NEWBURGH C.E. SCHOOL

Conversion of two Elsan toilets to W.C.'s for male and female.

ST. JOHN'S C.E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Completion of indoor toilets and washing accommodation.

Playground re-surfaced.

Kitchen for meals now on school premises complete with new equipment (steriliser, etc.)

Conversion of old cloakroom to Staff Room.

Boundary fence completed.

BURSCOUGH METHODIST SCHOOL

Re-surfacing of school playgrounds.

LATHOM PARK C.E. SCHOOL

Improvement to the surfacing of the entrance to girls' toilets.

SECTION 5.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The West Lancashire Water Board supplies water to the area mainly from deep wells in Dark Lane and Greetby Hill, Ormskirk and from the Halsall Lane pumping station.

There are 7 dwelling houses in the area which are not connected to the mains water supply. This amounts to .08% of the houses in the district.

Reports supplied by the West Lancashire Water Board with regard to samples of water taken during 1967 at Dark Lane, Greetby Hill and Halsall Lane Pumping Stations have been satisfactory except that the water supplied by the Dark Lane and Greetby Hill Pumping Stations is reported to be acid in reaction and a higher pH. value is required. The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.1 p.p.m.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have three sewage disposal works in operation. One at Blackacre Lane, Ormskirk, one at New Lane, Burscough and a third at Westhead. The sewage is passed through sedimentation tanks and sludge drying beds, the surface effluent being treated by rotary filter and discharged into brooks.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This work is carried out by the Council's own employees. Four motor vehicles each with four men and a driver are provided and in addition a vehicle is employed part time to carry out a separate collection of waste paper from shops, etc. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Burscough, on a site which was previously a clay pit.

A Municipal bin ownership scheme is operated in the Urban District, whereby replacement of defective dustbins at private dwelling houses is carried out by the Council. During the year 516 defective bins were replaced by new ones.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1967

Number of fresh water closets	8,184
„ „ pail closets	262
„ „ waste water closets	Nil
„ „ privies	63
„ „ privy middens	60
„ „ dry ashpits	Nil
„ „ dustbins	10,356

CONVERSIONS

The number of privy closets which were converted during the year was twenty, all converted to pail closets.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

The number of premises in the district which were inspected during the year was 1,824 and the number of defects or nuisances discovered as a result of these inspections was 512, of which 487 had been remedied by the end of the year. Informal notices issued numbered 310 and 37 Statutory Notices were served on the authority of the Health Committee where informal notices had not been complied with.

SMOKE ABATEMENT—CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

The Clean Air Act provides that within certain limits which are prescribed by the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, and with certain exceptions, the emission of dark smoke from any chimney is an offence. Provisions are also included to allow for the making of Orders by the Local Authority (which Orders must be confirmed by the Minister) declaring an area or areas in its district as smoke control areas. There are no Smoke Control Orders in existence in this district.

There are nineteen chimneys used in connection with industrial plants in the area and during the year fifteen smoke observations have been made.

CAMPING SITES—MOVABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licensed camping sites in the area. Five site licences for a total of 51 caravans have been granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Routine inspection of shops in the area was carried out during 1967 and a total of 135 inspections were made. Any defects or contraventions which were found on inspection were dealt with informally and in the main all matters were dealt with without delay. There are 238 shops on the register.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Under this Act shops where pet animals are sold require to be licensed by the Local Authority. Such licences are renewable annually. There are two such shops in the area and the licences impose conditions regarding the comfort and treatment of the animals

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

An Act to regulate the keeping of boarding establishments for animals, and for purposes connected therewith. The provisions of the Act require the licensing of animal boarding establishments by the local authority. Conditions prerequisite to the granting of a licence have regard to accommodation, food, drink and bedding material, provisions for the exercise of animals, etc. and the keeping of a register of animals received at the establishment. There are three licensed animal boarding establishments in the area. Licences are renewable annually.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1.—INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	149	187	20	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	5	5	—	—
	154	192	20	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectors.	By H.M. Inspectors.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	19	14	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	6	—	—
Total	20	15	6	3	—

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1967 the general inspection and revisiting of registered premises was continued. The total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises during the year was 313 of which 152 were general inspections.

Registered premises at the end of 1967 were:—

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>
Offices	71	391
Retail shops	157	669
Wholesale shops, warehouses....	6	32
Catering establishments, canteens	35	179
	269	1271

During the year reports of four accidents were reported and investigated.

Useful co-operation has been maintained with the Officer of the Factories Inspectorate appointed under Section 57 of the Act, from whom informal advice and guidance have been sought regarding several problems of administration and other matters relative to work under the Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One full-time rodent operator is employed by the Council on investigation and treatment in connection with rodent control work in the district.

In addition to the routine work a yearly maintenance treatment of sewers is carried out.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and helpful co-operation is maintained with the officers of the Ministry in connection with this work.

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ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1967.

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a)	Number of Properties in District	9015	293
(b)	Number of Properties Inspected Following Notification	294	—
(c)	Number of (b) infested by Rats	188	—
	Mice	106	—
(d)	Number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	62	—
(e)	Number of (d) infested by Rats	19	—
	Mice ...	12	—

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR 1967.

Visits to dwelling houses (Public Health Act, Housing Acts and Rent Act)	2236
„ „ Houses re Improvement Grants	555
„ re Offices, Shops and Railway Premis. Act.	313
„ „ Drainage	17
„ „ Rodent Control	118
„ „ Cases of Infectious Disease	26
„ to Schools	16
„ „ Shops (Shops Act)	143
„ „ Factories and Outworkers' Premises	187
„ „ Poultry Processing Establishments	189
„ „ Butchers	27
„ „ Ice Cream Premises	26
„ „ Cafes and Restaurants	27
„ „ Street Vendors and Hawkers' Carts	5
„ „ Licensed Premises	20
„ „ Market Stalls	234
„ „ Other Food Premises	283
„ in connection with Milk Sampling	39
„ „ „ „ Ice Cream Sampling	6
„ „ „ „ Other foods sampling	2
Miscellaneous Visits	533

SECTION 6: HOUSING

Included in the Council's list of applicants for houses there are approximately 80 families resident in the district who are living in rooms or sharing accommodation with other families. There is a need for housing accommodation for these families in addition to families who require to be rehoused from properties unfit for human habitation.

At the end of 1967 the Council had schemes in hand for the erection of 44 units of accommodation in Burscough and a further scheme for the erection of 101 dwellings in Ormskirk was contemplated.

CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES

During the year representations were made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health regarding 7 houses which were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. These consisted of 7 individual houses. The number of families from houses due to be demolished or closed who were rehoused during 1967 was 25.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES—IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year the Council approved 5 applications for discretionary grant in accordance with the Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958/1964 and 47 applications for standard grants under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961/1964.

IMPROVEMENT AREAS

The Ormskirk (Burscough Street No. 1) Improvement Area and The Ormskirk (Burscough Street No. 2) Improvement Area declared respectively in 1965 and 1966 under the provisions of Section 13 of the Housing Act, 1964, are proceeding satisfactorily. It is expected that all occupiers of houses in the areas willing to have amenities installed will have had the work carried out in the near future.

During 1967 a further area, The Ormskirk (Derby Street, Tower Hill, Wigan Road and Stanley Street) Improvement Area was declared. The area comprises 246 houses, 114 of which are lacking in one or more of the Standard Amenities. Of these 114 houses 55 are tenanted and 59 owner-occupied. The work of persuading both landlords and owner-occupiers to improve their houses is being pursued actively and in many cases work has already started.

Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

TOTAL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139
(i) By the Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
(ii) By other Local Authorities	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
(iii) By other bodies and persons	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111
Total number of Council Houses	(a) Before 1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	346
Total number Council Houses	(b) After 1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1262
Bungalows and Flats	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1608

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year—*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses-inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	.....	.....	.....	.....	892
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, for the purpose	.....	.....	.....	.....	1304
(c)	Number of dwelling houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
(2)	Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:	.....	.....	.....	.....	
(a)	Demolition orders have been made	.....	.....	.....	.....	58
(b)	Demolition or Closing orders have not yet been made	.....	.....	.....	.....	60

Houses Demolished :— In Clearance Areas—	Houses Demol- ished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	7	21	10
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas :—			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957	2	17	7
(5) Local Authority owned Houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	—	—	—
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Closed :—	Number		
(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	9	24	9
(2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied :—	By Owner	By Local Authority	
(1) After informal action by local authority	131	—	
(2) After formal notice under—			
(a) Public Health Acts	12	—	
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	

Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957) :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of separate dwell- ings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year :—		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation—		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 46	—	—
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	—	—
Purchase of Houses by Agreement :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants in houses in column (1) (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clear- ance Orders or Compulsory Pur- chase Orders, purchased during the year	—	—

SECTION 7 INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SAMPLES FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

45 samples of milk were taken and submitted for various tests, with the following results:

Phosphatase Test 11 satisfactory

Methylene Blue

Reduction Test 38

Turbidity test 4

Inoculation test for T.B. 25 negative.

Brucella Abortus—110 samples of milk were submitted for examination of which 103 were reported to be negative and 7 positive. The cows from which the 7 positive samples were obtained were removed from the herd and sent for slaughter.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no pasteurisation plants within the district. Two samples of pasteurised frozen whole egg were obtained from food manufacturers premises and submitted for Alpha-amylase test. They were reported to be satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

9 samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination all were found to be satisfactory

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951.

Section 14 of this Act, which is administered by the Council requires, under certain circumstances, the registration of hawkers of food and premises used for the storage of such food. At the end of 1967 the number of registrations was 30 hawkers, 24 premises. The number of inspections of registered premises during the year was 9.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 16.

This section of the Food and Drugs Act requires the registration of premises used for:—

- (a) the sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale, or
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale. (For the purposes of this subsection, the preparation of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be the preservation thereof).

At the end of 1967 the number of registrations was : (a) 85.
(b) 24.

During the year 62 visits were made to registered premises.

THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960—1962

Routine inspection of food premises, vehicles, etc., is carried out to see that the requirements of the Food Hygiene regulations are complied with. Stalls in the street market held in the town from which foodstuffs are sold are visited on market days.

The number of premises in the district subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations is as follows:—

		(a)	(b)	(c)
		see below		
Public Houses	34	34	34	34
Butchers	22	22	22	22
Fried Fish Shops	9	9	9	9
Greengrocers	10	10	10	10
Restaurants, Canteens, Snack Bars	21	21	21	21
Food Manufacturers	5	5	5	5
Other Food Shops	107	107	91	91

- a. Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (provision of wash hand basins).
- b. Number of premises to which Regulation 19 (facilities for washing food and equipment) applies.
- c. Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19;

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

There are now no licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Poultry processing has, however, grown considerably and there are now four premises in the district slaughtering and dressing poultry for sale. Regular inspection is carried out at these premises.

Food inspection is carried out at both manufacturing and retail premises and also upon request from traders having in their possession food which appears to be unsound.

The foods listed below were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption and condemned.

WEIGHTS OF FOOD CONDEMNED

	Tons	cwts.	lbs.
Fresh Meat	1	17	6
Canned Meat	—	—	90
Canned Fruit and Veg.	—	—	89
Frozen Foods	—	14	57
Poultry	4	10	17
	—	—	—
	7	3	35
	—	—	—

The number of visits to poultry processing establishments during the year was 189.

The total number of birds processed during the year was made up as follows:

Turkeys	45296
Broilers	507568
Hens	128643
Total	<u>681507</u>

The percentage rejected as unfit for human consumption was 2935 representing 0.43% of the total processed.

Condemned meat and offal are stained with a green dye and used for industrial purposes. Canned foods which are condemned are buried in the refuse tip.

(c) ADULTERATION

The section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, dealing with adulteration, is administered by the Lancashire County Council, and I am indebted to Doctor Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following information:—

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1967

A total of 126 samples was obtained comprising 52 milks (of which ten were Channel Islands milk) and 74 others as follows:

2 Malt Extract with Cod Liver Oil B.P.C.	1 Fresh Mustard
1 Gravy Salt	1 Condensed milk, full cream, unsweetened
1 Peanut Butter	1 Sugar
1 Gravy Powder	1 Fruit, canned
2 Tapioca	1 Sausage Rolls
1 Powdered Gelatine	1 Frozen Garden Peas
1 Malt Vinegar	3 Fish Paste
1 Sweetened Artificial Cream Powder	1 Cheese
1 Invert Sugar and Honey Spread	1 Butter
2 Pearl Barley	1 Coffee & Chicory Mixture
4 Dried Vegetables	2 Instant Non-Fat Milk, Skimmed
1 Baking Powder	2 Sponge Pudding Mix, Sweetened
1 Potted Beef	2 Fruit Curd
2 Meat Paste	1 Sponge Cake Mix, Sweetened
1 Gelatine	1 Shandy, canned
1 Cocoa	2 Mineral Water, canned
1 Bicarbonate of Soda	1 Gravy Salt
1 Malt and Cocoa Beverage	2 Fresh Fruit
1 Pork Sausages	1 Tea
1 Pickles	1 Sterilised Cream
1 Mustard Paste	1 Jam
1 Lard	1 Benzyl Penicillin Tablets
1 Margarine	1 Penoxymethyl Penicillin Tablets
2 Lisivane Tablets	1 Canned Fish
1 Full Cream milk compounded	1 Fresh Vegetables
3 Cremotresamide Suspension	2 Flour Confectionery
1 Baby Food (Bone & Vegetable)	1 Biscuits
2 Choc Ices	

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports.

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
Malt Vinegar	Contained 3 cultures weighing 3.2 grammes (moist weight) of <i>Bacterium aceti</i> which is one of the "Mother of Vinegar" organisms	Complainant and manufacturers informed
Pork Sausages	Contained 260 parts per million of sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide) without declaration.	Suppliers interviewed
Cremotresamide Suspension	Total content of sulphonamides only 408 milligrams per teaspoonful (5 mls) Should be 500 milligrams per teaspoonful.	Pharmacist interviewed and further sample from same stock obtained.

ORMSKIRK MARKET.

The Ormskirk Market is an ancient institution dating from April 28th, 1286, when King Edward the First granted "a Thursday market and a five days' fair" to the town for ever. The rights in the Market appear to have been vested in the Earl of Lancaster, for on the 29th September, 1286, those rights were transferred by the Charter of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to the Prior of Burscough Abbey on the payment of an annual sum. The alienation of these Market rights is confirmed by the Charter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, in 1339.

The rights remained vested in the Priory until the Dissolution of the Monasteries about 1536, and after its surrender to King Henry VIII. by Robert Barton, the last prior (who died in 1553). the Priory was granted to Sir William Paget, K.G., Principal Secretary of State in 1547.

A little over a century later (on the 23rd June, 1670) King Charles II. granted to Charles, the Eighth Earl of Derby, and his successors, the right to hold and keep two fairs, one in Whitsun week and the other at the end of August in each year, and a market to be held on Thursdays.

By a conveyance dated the 30th day of September, 1876, the Rights in the Market were sold by the Earl of Derby to the Ormskirk Local Board for £1,000.

The Ormskirk Local Board made Byelaws, which were allowed by the Local Government Board on the 17th December, 1881, whereby a market was to be held on Thursday and Saturday of each week throughout the year, which were amended to provide that a market was to be held on each week day throughout the year "unless the same shall be a day duly appointed for solemn fast or public thanksgiving."

Consequently upon the amalgamation Order of 1931 whereby Ormskirk Urban District was amalgamated with the Urban District of Lathom and Burscough the byelaws lapsed and new byelaws were made on the 19th December, 1935. These included *inter alia*, the fixing of the days and hours during each day on which the market shall be held. Regulations as to the use of the market place and the buildings, stalls, pens and standings therein, and for preventing nuisances or obstructions therein, or in the immediate approaches thereto. Penalties for offences against the byelaws. A table of Tolls leviable in the market was incorporated.

The market continued to be held throughout the war years, although on a limited scale. It has now regained much of its colourfulness, and each Thursday, Moor Street, Moorgate and Aughton Street are filled with market stalls and itinerant tradesmen of all kinds. The Saturday market is limited to Moor Street except for an occasional two or three stalls in Aughton Street, but nevertheless there is much trading, especially in home produce.

It is the practice of the Health Department to make regular inspections of all the market stalls and the Public Health Inspectors pay particular attention to those stalls selling foodstuffs each market day.



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